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LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UGANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to bring the following communication from my Government for which I have been instructed to bring to your attention.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda views the resumption of hostilities between the Rwandese Government Army and the Forces of the Rwandese Patriotic Front as a very disturbing and serious development. The Government of the Republic of Uganda further views the outbreak of fighting as a flagrant violation of the Cease-Fire Agreement signed by both parties in Arusha, Tanzania on 10 July 1992 and is concerned that this development is likely to poison and jeopardize the atmosphere in the region.

In order, therefore, to forestall any spread of the conflict into the territory of the Republic of Uganda but more specifically, in order to forestall any accusations as has happened in the past, against Uganda of any involvement in the internal conflict in Rwanda, my Government has instructed me, through you to seek the assistance of the Council to authorize the United Nations Secretary-General, to send a United Nations Observer/Monitor Force of appropriate size, to be stationed on the border with Rwanda, on Uganda side. This will be for the purpose of patrolling, observing and ensuring that the buffer zone between the two countries is in no way infiltrated by either side while OAU efforts aimed at reconciling the two parties continue to be made.

I should be most grateful, therefore, if this matter could receive your urgent attention and to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Prof. Perezi K. KAMUNANWIRE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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